IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: FOEGLER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1782

Application No. 10/580,976

Examiner: M. L. Jacobson

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina December 21, 2011

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2011, please enter the following Amendment and kindly consider the remarks that follow in the above-identified application. In addition, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for 1-month Extension of Time with credit card form to extend the due date to December 25, 2011.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 8 of this paper.